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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ILLEGAL SALE OF SCRAP

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1. STORY RELATED REFTEL IS GROSS DISTORTION OF THE FACTS AND THE VERSION OF THE SAME STORY REPORTING REPRESENTATIVE ASPIN'S CLAIM THAT JET FIGHTERS SENT TO VIETNAM WERE DISMANTLED AND SOLD AS SCRAP EVEN MORE SO.

2. INVESTIGATION OF THE SCRAP PILE SEIZURE IN HAC MON DISTRICT ON MAY 20 HAS REVEALED THAT ALL ITEMS WERE UNSERVICEABLE PROPERLY DEMILITARIZED SCRAP INCLUDING CONDEMNED A-37 WINGS LEGALLY ACQUIRED BY THE OWNER FROM THE MACV PROPERTY DISPOSAL OFFICE IN 1972. WE HAVE OUR OWN RECORDS TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS LEGITIMATE SALE. A TEAM INCLUDING AMERICAN EMBERS OF THE DAO STAFF TODAY INSPECTED THE ITEMS IN QUESTION AND HAS CONFIRMED THE ABOVE. FOREGOING BEING PASSED TO PRESS HERE.

2. WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THIS LATEST FLURRY IS ANOTHER SHOT IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN TO INFLUENCE CONGRESSIONAL
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CONSIDERATION OF ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION TO VIETNAM NO MATTER
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